

## OLD HYMN CAUSED DOSS TO CONFESS

In Chicago's Levee District Wife Slayer Heard "Nearer, My God to Thee."

## CONSCIENCE HURT, SO HE GAVE UP

Detective Evans on Way to Bring the Prisoner Back to Washington.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 9.—The strains of the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," heard in the levee district, is the reason given by Detective W. Doss for his voluntary confession to the police that he killed his wife a year ago in Washington, D. C.

"I was staggering along Armour avenue in the levee," said Doss, "when from the half open door of a disorderly resort, came the strains of a hymn. I went in and sat down. For some reason I didn't see the revelry, but heard only the strains I knew when a boy. I couldn't fight my conscience any longer, and that's why I'm here."

### Police Go After Him.

Detective Charles Evans, of the central office, is on his way to Chicago today to bring back Matthew N. Doss. While Detective Evans is on his way to Chicago, the police force is making a searching investigation in this city of the story told by Doss, who was formerly employed in a laundry in Washington.

Doss and his wife occupied a small room in a lodging house over a barber shop at 422 Tenth street northwest, and it was from this place that the woman was taken to the Emergency Hospital on January 13, where she died the following day. She made no statement to the doctors before she died, and the fact that she had told several persons that she intended to end her life convinced Coroner Nevitt that she had swallowed the acid with suicidal intent.

### Woman a Mystery.

Little was known about the woman. After her death Doss was not able to tell the coroner where she had any relatives living in Washington. She was about twenty-six years old, and on the death certificate her birthplace was given as the District of Columbia. It was said, however, that she had been away from Washington for some time, and only returned about ten months before her death.

### Couple Quarreled Frequently.

When Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of suicide in Mrs. Doss case he was told by several persons living in the house that the woman had frequently threatened to end her life. Doss and his wife lived in the lodging house about two months and during that time quarreled frequently. At that time the house was run by a Mrs. Hanes or Gooch, who died March 5, last, but whose two sons still live at the house. Robert Gooch said this morning that he remembered Mrs. Doss very well. He occupied a room directly opposite that in which the couple lived. "I was just coming in the house when they were taking Mrs. Doss out on a stretcher," said Gooch this morning. "I heard some one say she had taken poison and I was not at all surprised because I had heard her say that she was going to kill herself."

"In fact, I heard her make that threat often. It was always while she and her husband were having one of their quarrels, but they usually fixed things up and everything seemed all right. There was another man and woman living here who seemed to be great friends of the couple and who were with them most every evening. The man was a waiter, and I think he worked in a hotel in Pennsylvania avenue. I don't remember their names. I've never bothered much about names here."

### Names Mix Police.

A peculiar coincidence of the case and one which puzzled the police for several hours yesterday was the fact that Cora Roth, who died at the Emergency Hospital on March 6 last, was carried on the hospital records as Cora Ross. On the health office record of the name appears as Cora Roth. Death was due to morphine poisoning and acute alcoholism.

Later Dr. Patterson found that Lillian Doss was taken from the house on February 12, 1909, suffering from carbolic acid poisoning, and died two days later in the Emergency Hospital.

Doss is said to have remained in Washington for some time after his wife died, and according to persons living in the neighborhood, he drank heavily. He was employed in a laundry. Young Gooch said that he saw Doss on the street only a few weeks ago. Doss is said to have made a statement to the Chicago police that an inquest was held and the verdict of suicide given by the coroner's jury. This, however, was not the case, as Coroner Nevitt did not deem the circumstances at all suspicious at the time and after a personal investigation he gave the necessary certificate.

## POLICE OFFICER'S FUNERAL MONDAY

Funeral services for J. J. McCarthy, a member of the Washington police force, who died Thursday at his home, 1306 East Capitol street, will be held Monday morning at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Fourteenth and East Capitol streets.

McCarthy, who was thirty-seven years old, had been on the force twelve years. Death was caused by Bright's disease.



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## POLICEMEN COMMENDED BY DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Sergeant Sanford, Privates Fortney, La Dow, and Sager Given Praise for Work in Causing Arrest of Negroes.

Any "cheatiness" apparent today in the demeanor of Sergeant W. E. Sanford and Privates H. W. Fortney, C. E. La Dow, and Gus Sager may be pardoned. They have received an official pat on the back by Commissioner Johnston, Major Sylvester, and Captain Peck and are pointed to as examples for other members of the force to go and do likewise.

The policemen are commended for their energy in arresting Benjamin Butler and Charles Jackson, alias Wolf. Benjamin F. Lawson, of 48 G street northwest, reported to Captain Peck last Saturday night that he had been attacked by two negroes in N street and robbed of \$45.

With but a meager description of the men, Privates Fortney and La Dow were assigned to the case and the following morning arrested Benjamin Butler. Sergeant Sanford and Policeman

Sager then took up the chase and the next day Jackson was in the toils.

The men were identified by Lawson as his assailants and after a preliminary hearing in the Police Court were held under \$500 bonds for the action of the grand jury.

Jackson, the police say, is an old offender and has served a term in the penitentiary.

Captain Peck expresses the opinion that the policemen are worthy of commendation which opinion is endorsed by Commissioner Johnston and Major Sylvester. The commendation is officially expressed by Commissioner Johnston in his own handwriting on the papers in the case follows:

"Work of the character herein described, so promptly effected by Sergeant Sanford and Privates Fortney, La Dow, and Sager, not only reflects credit upon themselves and upon the entire department but wins the regard and good will of the public. The certainty that detection and punishment will follow crime puts a check upon the criminal element."

## CONGRESS MAY VOTE STATUE TO GREENE

Senate Committee Favors Honoring Memory of Revolutionary Commander.

Congress is likely to do something to honor the memory of that great soldier of the Revolution, Gen. Nathaniel Greene.

The Senate Committee on the Library has lately reported favorably a bill for the erection of a statue to General Greene on the Guilford battle ground in North Carolina, or rather on the ground where what is known in history as the battle of Guilford Court House was fought.

General Greene was a native of Rhode Island, a Quaker by descent and a lawyer by profession. He entered the Revolution as a brigadier general in command of Rhode Island troops, but was soon made a major general in the Continental army. He fought at Trenton under Washington and commanded the American left wing at Germantown.

Washington had great confidence in him and after the defeat of Gates at Camden by Lord Cornwallis, in August, 1780, he sent Gates to command the forces in the South.

The story of his campaign against Cornwallis, resulting in driving the British from the South, is one of the romances of the Revolution. Guilford Court House was one of its most desperate engagements and, though Greene retreated, it resulted in severely crippling Cornwallis, who also was compelled to fall back, leaving his wounded to the care of the Americans.

It is said by Benton that Guilford Court House marked the turning point of the battle and others fought about the same time have given Greene a deserved reputation as the American commander of the Revolution who stood second to Washington himself. He was called the "Savior of the South."

**MRS. J. T. HOWENSTEIN BURIED AT GLENWOOD**

Services Held at Apartments of Daughter—Funeral Is Private.

Funeral services for Mrs. James T. Howenstein were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the apartments of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur C. Moses, in the Burlington.

The ceremony was private, and only members of the family were present. The pallbearers were H. Wilkenson, William Muehlstein, Emmanuel Speich, and George H. Wood. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery.

## WELLESLEY GIRLS WILL PLAY BALL

WELLESLEY, Mass., April 9.—There is much excitement among the girls at Wellesley college over the formation of baseball teams. All the girls are imbued with a desire to shine on the diamond. The first team to organize was the class of 1911. They challenged the team representing the class of 1912. The latter accepted and a game will soon be played.

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## BALLINGER SUED BY LAND GRANTEE

Injunction Sought by Former Client of Secretary to Stop Ejectment.

In seeking an injunction to restrain Richard A. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior from canceling a land grant near Oregon City, Ore., William D. Bales today filed in the District Supreme Court a bill which alleges that at the time his claim to the land was first questioned Mr. Ballinger was his attorney and filed with the Land Office a brief which urged that patents be granted to Bales.

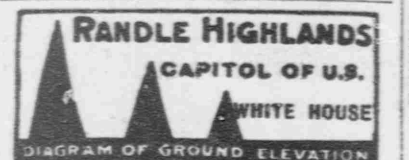
The suit brought by Bales is one of three filed against Mr. Ballinger this morning by Attorney A. W. Lafferty. The other suits were filed by Levi M. Gilbert and Thomas Holverson. Mr. Bales in his appeal for relief says that in the proceedings before the department concerning the land grant, he was entitled by law to have the Secretary of the Interior personally consider the issues involved, but that Ballinger, by reason of the circumstances of his previous employment, refused and denied this right to Bales, who avers that because of the defendant's employment as his attorney in the fall of 1908, Mr. Ballinger has absolutely refused to give Bales, and about fifty other homestead entrants in the State of Oregon, any consideration whatsoever.

All declare their homesteads were perfected by residences as required by law, and that they submitted final proof to the Land Office. They claim that more than two years elapsed after the submission of proof before their entries were questioned and rejected by Frank Pierce, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to whom Mr. Ballinger delegated the consideration of the claim.

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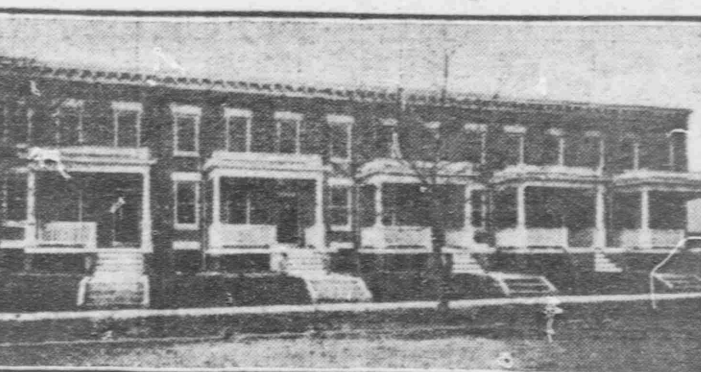
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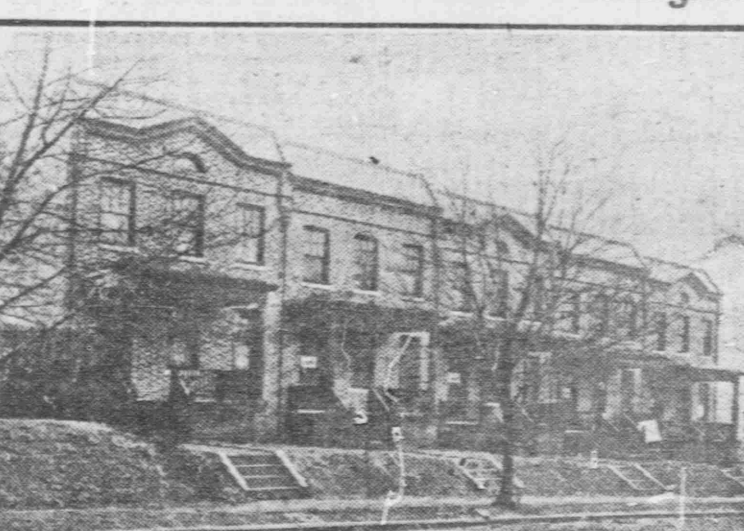
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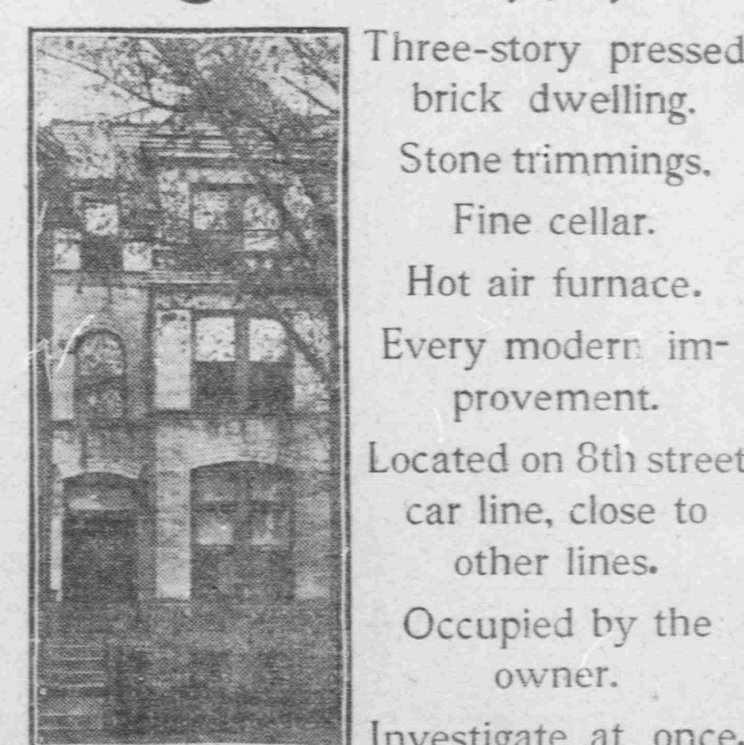
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